



Faculty Senate Approves Wage

Living Wage Is Increased, But Some Say It Is Not Enough

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Groundskeepers and housekeepers employed by the University of Mary Washington will receive a 4.5 percent increase in wages by the end of November. Three percent will be coming from the state and the university will be providing an additional 1.5 percent, according to Rick Hurley, the executive vice president and chief financial officer at the University of Mary Washington.

Students, workers, and professors at the University of Mary Washington who

have been campaigning for the past year to increase wages for groundskeepers and housekeepers, say that is not enough.

"I think it is difficult for anyone to demonstrate that a 4.5 percent increase is enough," said James Spady, a visiting assistant professor of history at the University of Mary Washington. Spady played an active role in the implementation of a living wage at the College of William and Mary in 2002.

The 4.5 percent increase in pay for the groundskeeping and housekeeping

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Comic Strip Artist Speaks At UMW

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Latin comic strip artist Lalo Alcaraz holds his book of comic strips up for the audience to see last Thursday, in Lee Hall.

Lalo Alcaraz, Latin comic strip artist, spoke Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Lee Hall Ballroom in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The James Farmer Multicultural Center sponsored Alcaraz, who spoke with quick wit, ethnic anecdotes, and political commentary, as part of the university's Cultural Awareness Series.

Alcaraz is the author of the comic strip "La Cucaracha," which is nationally syndicated, appearing in more than 60 newspapers including the L.A. Times, San Diego Tribune, and the Chicago Sun-Times.

The strip features a cast of Latinos including Cuco Rocha the main character,

an angry, disgruntled cockroach whom Alcaraz called "too preachy."

Describing his comic strip, he said, "This s*** ain't half bad. It kind of reminds me of Doonesbury, which I totally ripped off."

The title "La Cucaracha" conjures recognition as the name of a traditional Mexican folk song. It also serves to "take the sting out of the racial epithet" and to stand for perseverance, according to the old adage "if you stamp one, three more appear," Alcaraz said.

In order to explain the origins of his disposition to satirical and editorial

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Comedian Bill Cosby signs autographs after his speech in Seacobeck Hall last Friday, Sept. 24.

Comedian Comes To UMW Campus

Legendary Bill Cosby Speaks At Seacobeck Hall

By **ANDREW HALL**
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Bill Cosby's signature wit kept the audience rolling with laughter, supplying a pinch of sugar to aid in the digestion of a rhetorically hard medicine thickened with slavery, racial strife, and reconciliation.

Cosby added a heavy dose of his often-controversial social criticism to the mix. The concoction went down well, curing about 200 well-dressed guests of any inclination to remain seated at the conclusion of his remarks.

The star-struck audience ushered Cosby from

Seacobeck Hall with a standing ovation Friday night, highlighting a gala reception for the U.S. National Slavery Museum.

Cosby was the keynote speaker at the reception for the museum, which was held in conjunction with an exhibit of selected objects from the museum's collection at the Ridenhof Martin Gallery. The U.S. National Slavery Museum, to be constructed in Fredericksburg, is slated to open to the public in 2007, according to museum literature.

It intends to educate visitors about the history and effects of slavery in the United States.

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Virginia Could Be A Swinger In November

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While Virginia is traditionally a staunchly Republican state, polling numbers over the summer indicated this year the Democrats could be competitive in Virginia and John Kerry may have a chance at winning Virginia's 13 electoral votes. However, the most recent poll by Rasmussen Reports shows Virginia may no longer be competitive.

According to Stephen Farnsworth, associate professor of political science at the University of Mary Washington, most states will clearly go either Democrat or Republican, so candidates do not need to campaign in those states for electoral votes as much as in more competitive states. If a state does not consistently go to one side, it is considered a swing state.

"Republicans are going to go to Texas, there's nothing that Kerry can do there. He's not going to spend money, he's not going

to spend any time, because there's no point," Farnsworth said. "Similarly, there's no point for a Republican to campaign in Massachusetts. The presidential electoral votes for John Kerry's home state are going to Kerry."

According to Bland, Kerry has been to Virginia five times since Memorial Day, Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards and his wife have also been to the state often, and the state party has been maintaining visibility at campaign events, as well as distributing yard signs and bumper stickers.

The last time a Democrat won Virginia in a presidential election was Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 victory over Barry Goldwater.

Mark Rozell, professor of public policy at George Mason University and a former professor at the

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A map from the 2000 Bush-Gore election, showing Virginia as a Republican win for Bush. This year, Virginia's status is still unknown and could go to either Bush or Kerry.

5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Few Showers
High: 77
Low: 54



FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 79
Low: 58



SATURDAY
T-Showers
High: 79
Low: 48



SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 72
Low: 47



MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 74
Low: 44

Verbatim...

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
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Sept. 14- At 7:35 p.m. a 20-year-old female resident of Randolph Hall reported to police that between Sept. 13 and Sept. 14 her vehicle, parked in the Randolph parking lot, was vandalized. Police arrived to find the back window of the student's 2003 Toyota Highlander had been broken. Damages are estimated at \$175. Police said the break appeared to have been made by a cylindrical object. No entry was gained into the vehicle and nothing was reported missing. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 14- A 19-year-old female resident of Mercer Hall reported to police that she was receiving threatening phone calls and e-mails from an unknown person between Sept. 10 and Sept. 12. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 18- At 2:24 a.m. Sergeant Worley, while on routine foot patrol, saw two male subjects near Randolph Hall. Upon spotting Worley, the two males both concealed cans of beer in their pants pockets. According to police, Worley noticed the strong presence of alcohol and asked the subjects for identification. Mark Mitchell, a 19-year-old male from Bethesda, Md., produced a credit card with his full name while Charles-Christian Heeter, a 20-year-old male from Arlington, Virginia produced a New Jersey driver's license that proved to be false. He then produced a valid Va. driver's license. Both were arrested for being drunk in public and Heeter was also charged with possession of false identification. Mitchell and

Heeter were transported to the magistrate's office.

Sept. 17- At 3:09 a.m. it was reported to police that there were several people attempting to steal bikes from in front of Jefferson Hall. Sergeant Worley arrived at Jefferson Hall where a 20-year-old male resident of Jefferson Hall showed him the subjects' direction of travel. According to the police report, Worley then located three males matching the descriptions of the people attempting to steal bikes from in front of Jefferson Hall at the intersection of Augustine and Dunderberg Streets. An 18-year-old male resident of Jefferson Hall, an 18-year-old resident of Russell Hall, and a 19-year-old resident of Masson Hall were all questioned about the incident. According to the police report, the males claimed to have been looking for a friend's bike. The case has been referred to the Commonwealth's attorney.

Sept. 24- A 19-year-old female student reported to police that between Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 her blue Iron Man bike, valued at \$150, was stolen. The student said she left her bike unsecured over the weekend. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 24- It was reported to police that between Sept. 20 and Sept. 24 the windshield of a 1990 Pontiac Grand Am was broken with a cylindrical object while parked on Hanover Street. Damages are estimated at \$200 and there are no suspects or witnesses.

Wage Up, Response Down

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staff, also known as classified employees, will raise the lowest wage earner from \$8.11 an hour, or \$16,640 a year to \$8.47 an hour, or \$17,609 a year according to Hurley.

Members of the University of Mary Washington community involved in the Living Wage campaign had been hoping the administration would increase employee wages to at least \$9.54, or \$19,843 a year, according to Ashley Matthews, a member of the Human Rights club on campus.

"We think the \$9.54 would come much closer to meeting the basic needs of a worker and their dependents," Matthews said.

According to Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics at the University of Mary Washington, a standard way to compute a living wage is to calculate 125 percent of the poverty line for a family of four, and compare that with the average cost of rent, using that figure as one third of the budget, to find a realistic living wage in the Fredericksburg area.

"Rent for a family of four in this area would be, on the low end, about \$600 to \$1000 a month," Jim Baker, a local realtor, said. This makes the cost of living roughly

\$21,609 a year in the Fredericksburg area according to Greenlaw's formula.

According to the United States Department of Health and Human services, the poverty line for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states is \$18,850, which means there are employees at the University of Mary Washington living below the poverty line.

"There is a certain injustice in the idea that those who work should live below a reasonable measure of poverty," Spady said. "Those who work ought to be able to pay for certain necessary goods at a standard that we all agree is appropriate; that goes for food and housing, transportation, healthcare, and childcare, if needed."

According to Greenlaw, the issue boils down to a basic problem of economics.

"I think anyone working full time ought to be able to support themselves and their family at some basic level," Greenlaw said. "But to make this a reality, the college needs to come up with a concrete way to finance it. There really are only three options, we can cut wages for other people who are working at the college, like faculty, we can raise tuition for students to pay for it, or we can cut money from programs at the college."

Some students and faculty want to know if the University of Mary Washington Foundation could foot the bill.

"The fact is that oftentimes institutions have a contingency fund of some sort, where there is a bit of money to provide enough flexibility for them to deal with contingency issues," Spady said. "There is usually more money in budgets

than administrators talk about, that's not to say that Mary Washington has more money than they say they have, just that it is possible there is more flexibility."

According to Ron Singleton, the senior vice president for advancement and university relations, this is not the case.

"All unrestricted funds received each year by the UMW Foundation are being used to support the annual operating budget of the University and there are no excess funds available," Singleton wrote in an e-mail.

Hurley agreed there are no additional resources available in the Foundation for increasing employee salaries.

"Last year we had a good fundraising year and would be able to spend a couple hundred thousand dollars on the name change, but that's unusual," Hurley said. "If we had money we probably would try to adjust people's salaries even higher, but it is all a question of resources."

Students argue that the administration is not doing enough to find the necessary resources.

"The university is giving a 1.5 percent raise to the classified employees, but at the same time this is going to be the last year that employees receive a \$250 holiday gift card from Hecht's," said Darby Hull, the student senator who

introduced the living wage resolution in the student senate that passed unanimously in April. "Where is that money going?" According to Hurley, the gift cards were funded through the University of Mary Washington Foundation. "The money [for the gift cards] came from the Foundation," Hurley said. "The money is not significant enough; \$60,000 a year, it will be absorbed somewhere in the operations."

According to an e-mail from President William M. Anderson, "classified and final holiday gift card in November."

Advocates for the living wage remain steadfast in their campaign to increase the wages of groundskeepers and housekeepers at the University of Mary Washington. "It is especially onerous that an institution of higher education, like Mary Washington, that prides itself for being an affordable college, would not pay a decent salary to its workers," said Alejandro Cervantes-Carson, assistant professor of sociology who spoke at the living wage rally last April. "Without the work of the groundskeepers and housekeepers it would be literally impossible to teach, impossible to go to class, impossible to attract and retain students."

There will be another living wage rally Oct. 29, according to Matthews. "Student support needs to be strong to get the full attention of the administration," Matthews said. "We just need to get the word out."

Comedian Comments

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"This museum is a place schoolteachers can finally, maybe make a breakthrough to some of these children who believe that reading, learning science and things like that happens to be—whatever they want to call it today, I don't know what the words would be," Cosby said.

Cosby emphasized the importance of historical education the slavery museum will provide and its power to change the lives of youth who visit the museum.

"It may make the difference taking a child through this museum," Cosby said. "To see her ancestors in that position. It'd stop a young girl from allowing herself to become a mother at very young age. I don't know. It may certainly start someone to decide they want to be an anthropologist or a history major."

Architect Chen Chung Pei, son of famous architect I.M. Pei, said the museum will include a full-size, 120-foot slave ship replica.

"We're talking about a ship that is going to be brought in from Holland," Cosby said. "Got it on discount. This time we're putting white people in the bottom. These are very rich white people. They're paying big bucks...they have to take all their clothes off."

"We're stacking them and charging them \$3,200 dollars apiece. Give them real slave food and everything and they'll wind up coming here with high blood pressure, hypertension, and ash."

Pei, who said he has worked on the Louvre in Paris and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, praised the Ridenhof Martin Gallery.

"It's a very nice, small installation," he said. "It's been very well done."

The museum's social impact will not be negative, Cosby said. Making white people feel guilty will not be the museum's goal.

"This museum is not going to bring any pain to anybody," he said. "It's going to open up flanks that had closure."

Cosby criticized the use of the phrase "back in the day," a phrase he said young people now use frequently.

"When you say back in the day, it eliminates any feeling. Back in the day eliminates the tension of 'will we win?' Back in the day. Will I be alive tomorrow?...and so you can not just brush off 'back in the day.' We need history. We need proof for our children to bring them to that point, to see the strength of their ancestors, to understand 'back in the day.'"

"How many thousands of miles stacked on top of each other, not to make white people go with their heads bowed, but to make young African-American children realize, to make college African-American anthropologists understand. This is real, this is what it looked like. And I would imagine everything is there except the smell."

Cosby made sympathetic remarks about Nat Turner, a famous slave who led a slave rebellion in Southampton County, Va. in 1831.

"It will also, I hope, prove for once and for all that Nat Turner was not crazy," Cosby said. "That he had every right to do what he meant to do and that no one could be afraid of Nat Turner, that everyone will be able to identify with Nat Turner. John Wayne did it. Many times...I've seen all his movies. Try to enslave John Wayne, he will shoot you."

On a more philosophical note, Cosby urged audience members not to lose themselves in the confusion of modern life.

"This world, what people are looking at and what they're voting for," he said. "How they're saying what is correct is not correct and that which is not correct is correct and confusing people, but the confused people just seem to be very happy being told what to do, and we seem to be in a world that more and more, the masses are just saying 'tell us what to do' and they're willing to just accept the something, just give us something and make us feel comfortable, but just tell us what to do."

"Somewhere, mixed in all of that, has to be life. Life. And I think we're losing that feeling. Losing that feeling of what life is all about. What is the value? And even if we're going to come back again, can you remember what you were when you were here before?"

"Therefore I say, pay attention to who you are now. And enjoy yourself, please. And respect others."

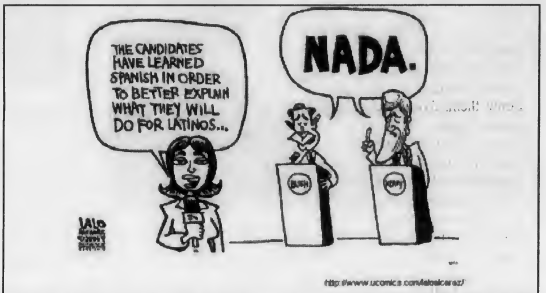
Much of Cosby's family is originally from Virginia, he said.

"And so, those roots are here," Cosby said. "And I may be related to some people living in this area. I don't like to acknowledge them until they tell me they're working."

He joked about his family history.

"I do know that my family, my paternal and maternal are from Virginia. The only descendant I have of my great-grandfather is from my aunt Clara, who said that he had 'Jesus hair.'"

Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, the museum chair, spoke at the dinner, as well as Fredericksburg mayor Thomas Tomzak, and University of Mary Washington President Bill Anderson.



One of the many politically-gearred cartoons drawn by Latin comic strip artist, Lalo Alcaraz.

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comics that tackle the issues of race and immigration head-on, Alcaraz said you first had to understand "where I came from and why I'm so screwed up."

Born in America, but raised by Mexican immigrant parents in one of the largest border cities in the United States, San Diego, Alcaraz said he faced a lot of confusion about his identity that was not aided by the "distorted images of Latinos in the media."

He said the fact that San Diego "is in complete denial" of its sister border city Tijuana, and pretends all of its culture was "piped in from Spain" confused him because "it's all the Flamingo and a bunch of bull****."

Yet, instead of allowing this identity crisis to be an obstacle, Alcaraz said he found a way to capitalize on his cynical viewpoint of American culture. Not only does Alcaraz feel he can profit from his past, but he said he also has the ability to "show through an unrealistic medium, a realistic view of Latino America, while using satire."

When asked if he hoped his strip would foster a better cultural understanding for the rest of America, Alcaraz said, "No, I hope it leads to a race war."

Explaining how he could make light of such delicate issues, Alcaraz said, "It's the Mexican way of life—to laugh at life's tragedies."

Ironically, though his goal is to bridge a cultural gap, Alcaraz said he is the first to admit his strips have incited racial hostility. Alcaraz said he accepts and mocks the angry letters and "hate" mail he receives. Alcaraz said he refers to his fan mail on the back of his book, "Migra Mouse: Political Cartoons on Immigration."

Although he said he labels himself a disgruntled Democrat, nothing political is sacred to Alcaraz, who, during last Thursday's visit to the university, drew caricatures of both presidential candidates, using two overheads to draw Kerry's long face and "Dumbo" ears to depict Bush.

Alcaraz also shared a story in which, aided by his friends, performed a media hoax by creating a fictional group called "Hispanics for

Wilson." This prank took place in 1992 during the gubernatorial election where Pete Wilson was running on "Proposition 187," an anti-immigrant ballot issue. Alcaraz said he and his friends ran fake press releases and described themselves as "Hispanic Republican Self-Deportationists" who voluntarily pledged to deport themselves if Wilson was elected.

In addition to the obvious irony, Alcaraz said he named himself, the leader, Danielle Deported which he explained "is Spanish for big f**ing clue."

According to Alcaraz, a plethora of media coverage ensued after "Hispanics for Wilson" was formed, even an appearance on "Telemundo."

Alcaraz's satirical commentary extends beyond the realm of politics and culture.

"I hear there are more squirrels than Latinos on this campus," he said amid emphatic nods from the audience. "I think I hit one on my way in."

When an audience member inquired "A squirrel or a Latino?" Alcaraz said, "I don't know, he looked half and half."

In a phone interview before his appearance, Alcaraz expressed his enthusiasm for speaking to the college-age audiences.

"It's the college speaking budgets," Alcaraz said. "No really, it helps to connect with young people who are doing something important [getting their education]."

Judging from the continuous and sometimes side-splitting laughter in Lee Hall Ballroom last Thursday, University of Mary Washington students enjoyed the show as much, if not more than, Alcaraz.

Although "La Cucaracha" does not appear in The Washington Post, it can be found daily on www.ucomics.com/laloalcaraz/ or in his most recent book *La Cucaracha*, a collection of the daily strips. To view his more editorial works, go to www.cartoonists.com or pick up a copy of the first book: *Migra Mouse: Political Cartoons on Immigration*. Or, visit www.poch.com to view a magazine co-edited and described by Alcaraz as a magazine "morphed into website... the Mad Magazine for Mad Mexicans; It's Monty Python meets Cheech and Chong."

Viewpoints

Editorial Ball Circle In Crisis

Water plus soil equals mud. It's a simple formula that every small child making mud pies knows.

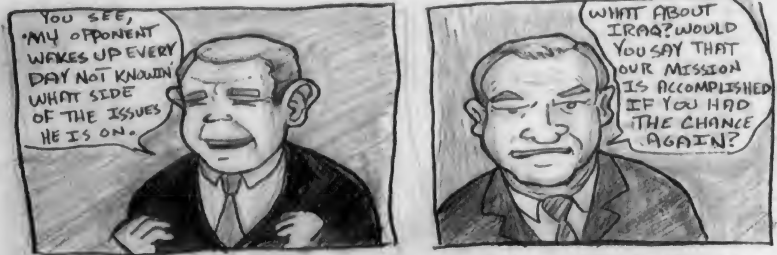
The overcast weather and occasional rainy days of the past few weeks has led to squishy terrain all over campus. This is particularly evident in Ball Circle. Instead of a centrally located open green space, it has become a veritable mud Slip-n-Slide.

Everything happens in Ball Circle. Anytime that clubs or organizations want the majority of the student body to show up for an event it is hosted in Ball Circle. Take "Not So Thirsty Thursday" for example. Representatives from each hall council will show up there to provide non-alcoholic alternatives to having fun on a Thursday afternoon. The Ultimate Frisbee teams practice there. The residents living in the Tri-Unit and Virginia Hall relax there on the weekends. And now it is the ideal place to go play in the mud on rainy days.

A giant muddy rut spans the diameter of the circle. Recently it has been accentuated by people body surfing through the mud. Those that throw themselves across the muddy ground appear to be doing so with gusto. They've even set up two trashcans that seem to be the goal posts for such rainy day frolicking.

This reduction of one of the few open areas on campus will inevitably lead to it being quarantined with stakes and colored rope like it was last year. Destroyed lampposts, mutilated flowers, Ball Circle becoming a muddy swamp land...isn't the beauty of the campus what attracts so many people to Mary Washington?

What's next? Food coloring in the fountain water?



By **STEPHANIE BURNS**
Guest Columnist

Over the past few months, I have developed the annoying habit of asking my Republican friends why they plan to vote for George Bush this November. Among my devout Bush fans, the response is always animated and full of insulting comments about John Kerry's integrity.

According to them, Bush is a decisive leader, a man who would certainly win a celebrity boxing match against Osama bin Laden.

On the other hand, they say Kerry is, dare I say it, a "flip-flopper," a man who lives on poll numbers, a man who is probably lying about his Vietnam service.

These comments are usually mixed with touching interjections about Mr. Bush's faith and Mr. Kerry's freakish liberal ways.

However, if ever someone asked me for whom I planned to vote and why, my answer would be much less entertaining, far more complicated and much less insulting.

Among my Democratic friends, examples of Mr. Bush's stupidity are enough to deem him unfit for command. Though it is amusing to make fun of Mr. Bush's frequent verbal and grammatical blunders, I find such rhetoric unproductive and belittling to the seriousness of this election.

As much as I disagree with many of Mr. Bush's policies, more troubling to me is his lack of something that is taught in every Leadership

101 class around the world: a plan.

The president's decision-making process, which has often been called decisive, is lacking in a few key elements. He and his staff rarely ever consider the consequences of their actions.

Several questions should have come to mind when they considered invading Iraq: How do we secure the cities once we have invaded? What kind of temporary government should be put in place once we have ousted Saddam? Is it plausible to expect Sunnis, Shiites, and Kurds to unite under one democratic system? Will an American occupation in the Middle East just provoke more Islamic hatred against the United States?

It is evident now that such questions remained unasked when we invaded Iraq over a year ago. At the time, I was inclined to believe that Iraq did have weapons of mass destruction. I remember crying when I saw footage of the widespread looting in Baghdad, which Americans cheered on as an expression of newly found freedom by a long oppressed people.

I remember asking my mother, "What if the looters get to the weapons before we do? What if Saddam, with nothing left to lose, passed on the weapons to a terrorist group or something?" She told me that I was overreacting and that the government would not be so stupid as to let that happen.

Apparently, we all overestimated the administration's ability to preplan for the many possible scenarios of an American occupation.

Our failure to secure Iraq's cities after the invasion allowed insurgents to loot stockpiles of assault weapons that had been used by the Iraqi army. Now we face a potent insurgency that has recently caused the Bush administration to request the reallocation of funds from the reconstruction effort to the continuing military operation.

As a rule, policies and principles are worthless without comprehensive plans of action that consider all of the possibilities. Even well-intended policies can be detrimental if poorly planned and badly executed.

Iraq has only been one example of the administration's faulty decision-making process, but this defect has been the common denominator of all of Mr. Bush's decisions in both foreign and domestic policy during his term.

Worst of all, the president has often touted this simple-minded approach to decision-making. Mr. Bush has made no secret of his disdain for intellectuals and has even bragged about the fact that he does not read the newspaper.

Bush fanatics out there should take this into consideration before casting their ballots in November. Those who choose to defend Bush may call him decisive if it makes them feel better, but for my part, stubborn recklessness is not a good quality in any leader.

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Invasion Of Iraq Lacked Clear Purpose

A Former Member Of The Armed Services Comments On The Bush Administration And Its Policies

By **JOSH WADDLINGTON**
Guest Columnist

As an American citizen and former active duty member of the armed forces, I feel it is crucial that voters elect a capable president who best serves the interests of our country and its people. What I observed during my recent service in the military leads me to conclude that we do not have such a president today.

During and after the tragedy of September 11, I was employed by the armed forces in a special operations military unit. Since my unit forward deployed ahead of a command of approximately 47,000 troops, I fully expected to be among the first participants in the Afghanistan conflict.

But this did not happen. On the contrary, only a fraction of available manpower was sent to the region in pursuit of al-Qaida members. Admittedly, large-scale strategic planning was not within my area of responsibility. But it did

not make sense to me that, if terrorists based in Afghanistan posed such a threat to the United States, we were not deploying the strongest possible force there.

This was not because forces were not available. Shortly after Sept. 2001, large numbers of previously discharged, reserve and National Guard troops from all branches of service were called back to active duty, but very few of them were deployed. The majority of manpower being added to the armed forces was obviously a buildup for alternative plans that were already underway. Despite its denials, it is clear that the administration was planning to capitalize on the surge of patriotism that followed September 11 in order to undertake an invasion of Iraq.

The administration told the American public that it was necessary to invade Iraq because Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. When it became clear that the U.S. government was not going to get approval from the United

Nations for the use of military force, President Bush consented to invade Iraq regardless.

Immediately following his decision, the president expanded his justification for war. He claimed Iraq was now harboring terrorists. The invasion of Iraq only provided a battlefield on which to kill Americans on foreign soil. So, in fact, the president's preemptive war policy created a fertile breeding ground for anti-American sentiments.

As service members of the armed forces, it is our duty to protect and defend the democracy of the United States. Military members are not tools for the purpose of experimenting in democracy in a perpetually politically-troubled region of the world. But this is exactly what our commander in chief asked us to do. Rather than seek out terrorists in Afghanistan, U.S. forces were sent on an ill-conceived mission to invade and occupy Iraq.

This mission in Iraq is severely taxing the resources of an overstressed military.

Thousands of discharged troops who have already completed their required service are being told to leave their jobs or suspend their education and return to active duty. Thousands more National Guard and reserve members are also being called upon to support our Iraq experiment. This all amounts to a backdoor draft, which will continue and probably expand if voters give this commander in chief another term in office.

As a citizen and former member of the armed services, I still do not understand why we invaded Iraq. I do know, however, that over a thousand American troops and tens of thousands of Iraqis have died.

And I know that the continued occupation of Iraq is not making America stronger. Instead, it is undermining our support in the world, and betraying the loyalty and dedication of the members of our Armed Services.

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Police Beat

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Sept. 14—At 7:35 p.m. a 20-year-old female resident of Randolph Hall reported to police that between Sept. 13 and Sept. 14 her vehicle, parked in the Randolph parking lot, was vandalized. Police arrived to find the back window of the student's 2003 Toyota Highlander had been broken. Damages are estimated at \$175. Police said the break appeared to have been made by a cylindrical object. No entry was gained into the vehicle and nothing was reported missing. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 14—A 19-year-old female resident of Mercer Hall reported to police that she was receiving threatening phone calls and e-mails from an unknown person between Sept. 10 and Sept. 12. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 18—At 2:24 a.m. Sergeant Worley, while on routine foot patrol, saw two male subjects near Randolph Hall. Upon spotting Worley, the two males both concealed cans of beer in their pants pockets. According to police, Worley noticed the strong presence of alcohol and asked the subjects for identification. Mark Mitchell, a 19-year-old male from Bethesda, Md., produced a credit card with his full name while Charles-Christopher Heeter, a 20-year-old male from Arlington, Virginia produced a New Jersey driver's license that proved to be false. He then produced a valid Va. driver's license. Both were arrested for being drunk in public and Heeter was also charged with possession of false identification. Mitchell and

Heeter were transported to the magistrate's office.

Sept. 17—At 3:09 a.m. it was reported to police that there were several people attempting to steal bikes from in front of Jefferson Hall. Sergeant Worley arrived at Jefferson Hall where a 20-year-old male resident of Jefferson Hall showed him the subjects' direction of travel. According to the police report, Worley then located three males matching the descriptions of the people attempting to steal bikes from in front of Jefferson Hall at the intersection of Augustine and Dandridge Streets. An 18-year-old male resident of Jefferson Hall, an 18-year-old resident of Russell Hall, and a 19-year-old resident of Mason Hall were all questioned about the incident. According to the police report, the males claimed to have been looking for a friend's bike. The case has been referred to the Commonwealth's attorney.

Sept. 24—A 19-year-old female student reported to police that between Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 her blue from Man bike, valued at \$150, was stolen. The student said she left her bike unsecured over the weekend. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 24—It was reported to police that between Sept. 20 and Sept. 24 the windshield of a 1990 Pontiac Grand Am was broken with a cylindrical object while parked on Hanover Street. Damages are estimated at \$200 and there are no suspects or witnesses.

Comedian Comments

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"This museum is a place schoolteachers can finally make a breakthrough to some of these children who believe that reading, learning science and things like that happens to be—whatever they want to call it today. I don't know what the words would be," Cosby said.

Cosby emphasized the importance of historical education the slavery museum will provide and its power to change the lives of youth who visit the museum.

"It may make the difference taking a child through this museum," Cosby said. "To see her ancestors in that position. It'd stop a young girl from allowing herself to become a mother at very young age. I don't know. It may certainly start someone to decide they want to be an anthropologist or a history major."

Architect Chien Chung Pei, son of famous architect Lin Pei, said the museum will include a full-size, 120-foot slave ship replica.

"We're talking about a ship that is going to be brought in from Holland," Cosby said. "Got it on discount. This time we're putting white people in the bottom. These are very rich white people. They're paying big bucks...they have to take all their clothes off."

"We're stacking them and changing them \$3,200 dollars apiece. Give them real slave food and everything and they'll wind up coming here with high blood pressure, hypertension, and ash."

Pei, who said he has worked on the Louvre in Paris and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, praised the Ridenhof Martin Gallery.

"It's a very nice, small installation," he said. "It's been very well done."

The museum's social impact will not be negative, Cosby said. Making white people feel guilty will not be the museum's goal.

"This museum is not going to bring any pain to anybody," he said. "It's going to open up flanks that had closure."

Cosby criticized the use of the phrase "back in the day," a phrase he said young people now use frequently.

"When you say back in the day, it eliminates any feeling. Back in the day eliminates the tension of 'will we win?' Back in the day. Will I be alive tomorrow?...and so you can not just brush off 'back in the day.' We need history. We need proof for our children to bring them to that point, to see the strength of their ancestors, to understand 'back in the day.'"

'How many thousands of miles stacked on top of

each other, not to make white people go with their heads bowed, but to make young African-American children realize, to make college African-American anthropologists understand. This is real, this is what it looked like. And I would imagine everything is there except the smell."

Cosby made sympathetic remarks about Nat Turner, a famous slave who led a slave rebellion in Southampton County, Va. in 1831.

"It will also, I hope, prove for once and for all that Nat Turner was not crazy," Cosby said. "That he had every right to do what he meant to do and that no one could be afraid of Nat Turner, that everyone will be able to identify with Nat Turner. John Wayne did it. Many times...I've seen all his movies. Try to enslave John Wayne, he will shoot you."

On a more philosophical note, Cosby urged audience members not to lose themselves in the confusion of modern life.

"This world, what people are looking at and what they're voting for," he said. "How they're saying what is correct is not correct and that which is not correct is correct and confusing people, but the confused people just seem to be very happy being told what to do, and we seem to be in a world that more and more, the masses are just saying 'tell us what to do' and they're willing to just accept the something, just give us something and make us feel comfortable, but just tell us what to do."

"Somewhere, mixed in all of that, has to be life. Life. And I think we're losing that feeling. Losing that feeling of what life is all about. What is the value? And even if we're going to come back again, can you remember what you were when you were here before?"

"Therefore I say, pay attention to who you are now. And enjoy yourself, please. And respect others."

Much of Cosby's family is originally from Virginia, he said.

"And so, those roots are here," Cosby said. "And I may be related to some people living in this area. I don't like to acknowledge them until they tell me they're working."

He joked about his family history.

"I do know that my family, my paternal and maternal are from Virginia. The only description I have of my great-grandfather is from my aunt Clara, who said that he had 'Jesus hair.'"

Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, the museum chair, spoke at the dinner, as well as Fredericksburg mayor Thomas Tomzack, and University of Mary Washington President Bill Anderson.

Wage Up, Response Down

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staff, also known as classified employees, will raise the lowest wage earner from \$8.11 an hour, or \$16,640 a year to \$8.47 an hour, or \$17,609 a year according to Hurley.

Members of the University of Mary Washington community involved in the Living Wage campaign had been hoping the administration would increase employee wages to at least \$9.54, or \$19,843 a year, according to Ashley Matthews, a member of the Human Rights club on campus.

"We think the \$9.54 would come much closer to meeting the basic needs of a worker and their dependents," Matthews said.

According to Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics at the University of Mary Washington, a standard way to compute a living wage is to calculate 125 percent of the poverty line for a family of four, and compare that with the average cost of rent, using that figure as one third of the budget, to find a realistic living wage in the Fredericksburg area.

"Rent for a family of four in this area would be, on the low end, about \$600 to \$1000 a month," Jim Baker, a local realtor, said. This makes the cost of living roughly

\$21,609 a year in the Fredericksburg area according to Greenlaw's formula.

According to the United States Department of Health and Human services, the poverty line for a family of four in the 48 contiguous states is \$18,850, which means there are employees at the University of Mary Washington living below the poverty line.

"There is a certain injustice in the idea that those who work should live below a reasonable measure of poverty," Spady said.

"Those who work ought to be able to pay for certain necessary goods at a standard that we all agree is appropriate; that goes for food and housing, transportation, healthcare, and childcare, if needed."

According to Greenlaw, the issue boils down to a basic problem of economics.

"I think anyone working full time ought to be able to support themselves and their family at some basic level," Greenlaw said. "But to make this a reality, the college needs to come up with a concrete way to finance it. There really are only three options. We can cut wages for other people who are working at the college, like faculty, we can raise tuition for students to pay for it, or we can cut money from programs at the college."

Some students and faculty want to know if the University of Mary Washington Foundation could foot the bill.

"The fact is that oftentimes institutions have a contingency fund of some sort, where there is a bit of money to provide enough flexibility for them to deal with contingency issues," Spady said. "There is usually more money in budgets

than administrators talk about, that's not to say that Mary Washington has more money than they say they have, just that it is possible there is more flexibility."

According to Ron Singleton, the senior vice president for advancement and university relations, this is not the case.

"All unrestricted funds received each year by the UMW Foundation are being used to support the annual operating budget of the University and there are no excess funds available," Singleton wrote in an e-mail.

Hurley agreed there are no additional resources available in the Foundation for increasing employee salaries.

"Last year we had a good fundraising year and were able to spend a couple hundred thousand dollars on the name change, but that's unusual," Hurley said. "If we had money we probably would try to adjust people's salaries even higher, but it is all a question of resources."

Students argue that the administration is not doing enough to find the necessary resources.

"The university is giving a 1.5 percent raise to the classified employees, but at the same time this is going to be the last year that employees receive a \$250 holiday gift card from Hecht's," said Darby Hull, the student senator who

introduced the living wage resolution in the student senate that passed unanimously in April. "Where is that money going?"

According to Hurley, the gift cards were funded through the University of Mary Washington Foundation.

"The money [for the gift cards] came from the Foundation," Hurley said. "The money is not significant enough: \$60,000 a year, it will be absorbed somewhere in the operations."

According to an e-mail from President William

M. Anderson, "classified and non-classified employees can look forward to a final holiday gift card in November."

Advocates for the living wage remain steadfast in their campaign to increase the wages of groundskeepers and housekeepers at the University of Mary Washington.

"It is especially onerous that an institution of higher education, like Mary Washington, that prides itself for being an affordable college, would not pay a decent salary to its workers," said Alejandro Cervantes-Carson, assistant professor of sociology who spoke at the living wage rally last April. "Without the work of the groundskeepers and housekeepers it would be literally impossible to teach, impossible to go to class, impossible to attract and retain students."

There will be another living wage rally Oct. 29, according to Matthews.

"Student support needs to be strong to get the full attention of the administration," Matthews said. "We just need to get the word out."



One of the many politically-geared cartoons drawn by Latin comic strip artist, Lalo Alcaraz.

Comic Relief At UMW

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comics that tackle the issues of race and immigration head-on, Alcaraz said you first had to understand "where I came from and why I'm so screwed up."

Born in America, but raised by Mexican immigrant parents in one of the largest border cities in the United States, San Diego, Alcaraz said he faced a lot of confusion about his identity that was not aided by the "distorted images of Latinos in the media."

He said the fact that San Diego "is in complete denial" of its sister border city Tijuana, and pretends all of its culture was "piped in from Spain" confused him because "it's all the Flamingo and a bunch of bull****."

Yet, instead of allowing this identity crisis to be an obstacle, Alcaraz said he found a way to capitalize on his cynical viewpoint of American culture. Not only does Alcaraz feel he can profit from his past, but he said he also has the ability to "show through an unrealistic medium, a realistic view of Latino America, while using satire."

When asked if he hoped his strip would foster a better cultural understanding for the rest of America, Alcaraz said, "No, I hope it leads to a race war."

Explaining how he could make light of such delicate issues, Alcaraz said, "It's the Mexican way of life—to laugh at life's tragedies."

Ironically, though his goal is to bridge a cultural gap, Alcaraz said he is the first to admit his strips have incited racial hostility. Alcaraz said he accepts and mocks the angry letters and "hate" mail he receives. Alcaraz said he refers to his fan mail on the back of his book, "Migra Mouse: Political Cartoons on Immigration."

Although he said he labels himself a disgruntled Democrat, nothing political is sacred to Alcaraz, who, during last Thursday's visit to the university, drew caricatures of both presidential candidates, using two overheads to draw Kerry's long face and "Dumbo" ears to depict Bush.

Alcaraz also shared a story in which he, aided by his friends, performed a media hoax by creating a fictional group called "Hispanics for

Wilson." This prank took place in 1992 during the gubernatorial election where Pete Wilson was running on "Proposition 187," an anti-immigrant ballot issue. Alcaraz said he and his friends ran fake press releases and described themselves as "Hispanic Republican Self-Deportationists" who voluntarily pledged to deport themselves if Wilson was elected.

In addition to the obvious irony, Alcaraz said he named himself the leader, Dondeleto Deportado which he explained "is Spanish for big P***ing clue."

According to Alcaraz, a plethora of media coverage ensued after "Hispanics for Wilson" was formed, even an appearance on "Telemundo."

Alcaraz's satirical commentary extends beyond the realm of politics and culture.

"I hear there are more squirrels than Latinos on this campus," he said amid emphatic nods from the audience. "I think I hit one on my way in."

When an audience member inquired "a squirrel or a Latino?" Alcaraz said, "I don't know, he looked half and half."

In a phone interview before his appearance, Alcaraz expressed his enthusiasm for speaking to the college-age audiences.

"It's the college speaking budgets," Alcaraz said. "No really, it helps to connect with young people who are doing something important [getting their education]."

Judging from the continuous and sometimes side-splitting laughter in Lee Hall Ballroom last Thursday, University of Mary Washington students enjoyed the show as much, if not more than, Alcaraz.

Although "La Cucaracha" does not appear in The Washington Post, it can be found daily on www.ucomics.com/laloalcaraz/ or in his most recent book *La Cucaracha*, a collection of the daily strips. To view his more editorial works, go to www.cartoonists.com or pick up a copy of his first book, *Migra Mouse: Political Cartoons on Immigration*. Or, visit www.pocmo.com to view a magazine co-edited and described by Alcaraz as a magazine "morphed into website... the Mad Magazine for Mad Mexicans: It's Monty Python meets Cheech and Chong."

Viewpoints

Editorial Ball Circle In Crisis

Water plus soil equals mud. It's a simple formula that every small child making mud pies knows.

The overcast weather and occasional rainy days of the past few weeks has led to squishy terrain all over campus. This is particularly evident in Ball Circle. Instead of a centrally located open green space, it has become a veritable mud Slip-n-Slide.

Everything happens in Ball Circle. Anytime that clubs or organizations want the majority of the student body to show up for an event it is hosted in Ball Circle. Take "Not So Thirsty Thursday" for example. Representatives from each hall council will show up there to provide non-alcoholic alternatives to having fun on a Thursday afternoon. The Ultimate Frisbee teams practice there. The residents living in the Tri-Unit and Virginia Hall relax there on the weekends. And now it is the ideal place to go play in the mud on rainy days.

A giant muddy rut spans the diameter of the circle. Recently it has been accentuated by people body surfing through the mud. Those that throw themselves across the muddy ground appear to be doing so with gusto. They've even set up two trashcans that seem to be the goal posts for such rainy day frolicking.

This reduction of one of the few open areas on campus will inevitably lead to it being quarantined with stakes and colored rope like it was last year. Destroyed lampposts, mutilated flowers, Ball Circle becoming a muddy swamp land...isn't the beauty of the campus what attracts so many people to Mary Washington?

What's next? Food coloring in the fountain water?



By STEPHANIE BURNS
Guest Columnist

Over the past few months, I have developed the annoying habit of asking my Republican friends why they plan to vote for George Bush this November. Among my devout Bush fans, the response is always animated and full of insulting comments about John Kerry's integrity.

According to them, Bush is a decisive leader, a man who would certainly win a celebrity boxing match against Osama bin Laden.

On the other hand, they say Kerry is, dare I say it, a "flip-flopper," a man who lives on poll numbers, a man who is probably lying about his Vietnam service.

These comments are usually mixed with touching interjections about Mr. Bush's faith and Mr. Kerry's freakish liberal ways.

However, if ever someone asked me for whom I planned to vote and why, my answer would be much less entertaining, far more complicated and much less insulting.

Among my Democratic friends, examples of Mr. Bush's stupidity are enough to deem him unfit for command. Though it is amusing to make fun of Mr. Bush's frequent verbal and grammatical blunders, I find such rhetoric unproductive and belittling to the seriousness of this election.

As much as I disagree with many of Mr. Bush's policies, more troubling to me is his lack of something that is taught in every Leadership

101 class around the world: a plan.

The president's decision-making process, which has often been called decisive, is lacking in a few key elements. He and his staff rarely ever consider the consequences of their actions.

Several questions should have come to mind when they considered invading Iraq: How do we secure the cities once we have invaded? What kind of temporary government should be put in place once we have ousted Saddam? Is it plausible to expect Sunnis, Shiites, and Kurds to unite under one democratic system? Will an American occupation in the Middle East just provoke more Islamic hatred against the United States?

It is evident now that such questions remained unasked when we invaded Iraq over a year ago. At the time, I was inclined to believe that Iraq did have weapons of mass destruction.

I remember crying when I saw footage of the widespread looting in Baghdad, which Americans cheered on as an expression of newly found freedom by a long oppressed people.

I remember asking my mother, "What if the looters get to the weapons before we do? What if Saddam, with nothing left to lose, passed on the weapons to a terrorist group or something?" She told me that I was overreacting and that the government would not be so stupid as to let that happen.

Apparently, we all overestimated the administration's ability to preplan for the many possible scenarios of an American occupation.

Our failure to secure Iraq's cities after the invasion allowed insurgents to loot stockpiles of assault weapons that had been used by the Iraqi army. Now we face a potent insurgency that has recently caused the Bush administration to request the reallocation of funds from the reconstruction effort to the continuing military operation.

As a rule, policies and principles are worthless without comprehensive plans of action that consider all of the possibilities. Even well-intended policies can be detrimental if poorly planned and badly executed.

Iraq has only been one example of the administration's faulty decision-making process, but this defect has been the common denominator of all of Mr. Bush's decisions in both foreign and domestic policy during his term.

Worst of all, the president has often touted this simple-minded approach to decision-making. Mr. Bush has made no secret of his disdain for intellectuals and has even bragged about the fact that he does not read the newspaper.

Bush fanatics out there should take this into consideration before casting their ballots in November. Those who choose to defend Bush may call him decisive if it makes them feel better, but for my part, stubborn recklessness is not a good quality in any leader.

Stephanie Burns is a freshman.

Invasion Of Iraq Lacked Clear Purpose

A Former Member Of The Armed Services Comments On The Bush Administration And Its Policies

By JOSH WADDLINGTON
Guest Columnist

As an American citizen and former active duty member of the armed forces, I feel it is crucial that voters elect a capable president who best serves the interests of our country and its people. What I observed during my recent service in the military leads me to conclude that we do not have such a president today.

During and after the tragedy of September 11, I was employed by the armed forces in a special operations military unit. Since my unit forward deployed ahead of a command of approximately 47,000 troops, I fully expected to be among the first participants in the Afghanistan conflict.

But this did not happen. On the contrary, only a fraction of available manpower was sent to the region in pursuit of al-Qaida members. Admittedly, large-scale strategic planning was not within my area of responsibility. But it did

not make sense to me that, if terrorists based in Afghanistan posed such a threat to the United States, we were not deploying the strongest possible force there.

This was not because forces were not available. Shortly after Sept. 2001, large numbers of previously discharged, reserve and National Guard troops from all branches of service were called back to active duty, but very few of them were deployed. The majority of manpower being added to the armed forces was obviously a buildup for alternative plans that were already underway. Despite its denials, it is clear that the administration was planning to capitalize on the surge of patriotism that followed September 11 in order to undertake an invasion of Iraq.

The administration told the American public that it was necessary to invade Iraq because Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. When it became clear that the U.S. government was not going to get approval from the United

Nations for the use of military force, President Bush consented to invade Iraq regardless.

Immediately following his decision, the president expanded his justification for war. He claimed Iraq was now harboring terrorists. The invasion of Iraq only provided a battlefield on which to kill Americans on foreign soil. So, in fact, the president's preemptive war policy created a fertile breeding ground for anti-American sentiments.

As service members of the armed forces, it is our duty to protect and defend the democracy of the United States. Military members are not tools for the purpose of experimenting in democracy in a perpetually politically-troubled region of the world. But this is exactly what our commander in chief asked us to do. Rather than seek out terrorists in Afghanistan, U.S. forces were sent on an ill-conceived mission to invade and occupy Iraq.

This mission in Iraq is severely taxing the resources of an overstressed military.

Thousands of discharged troops who have already completed their required service are being told to leave their jobs or suspend their education and return to active duty. Thousands more National Guard and reserve members are also being called upon to support our Iraq experiment. This all amounts to a backdoor draft, which will continue and probably expand if voters give this commander in chief another term in office.

As a citizen and former member of the armed services, I still do not understand why we invaded Iraq. I do know, however, that over a thousand American troops and tens of thousands of Iraqis have died.

And I know that the continued occupation of Iraq is not making America stronger. Instead, it is undermining our support in the world, and betraying the loyalty and dedication of the members of our Armed Services.

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Features

Unlimited Potential

Student Helps Area Children Fight Autism

By TIERNEY McAFEE
Staff Writer

Six-year-old Julia Lewis performed Kelly Clarkson's "Breakaway" one day recently for her mom, Janet Lewis. She hit all the right notes and even added some dance moves.

"I'll spread my wings and I'll learn how to fly," she sang. "I'll do what it takes 'til I touch the sky. I'll make a wish, take a chance, make a change and break away."

Julia's mother was overwhelmed by her daughter's performance, and so was University of Mary Washington psychology student Erin Polk when she heard about it later.

Julia suffers from autism, a complex developmental disability that affects an individual in the areas of social interaction and communication, and Polk has been working with her for the past two years to help Julia develop language skills.

Before her work with Polk and other therapists, Julia could not even understand the difference between yes and no. Now she is doing math and language programs, and her mom says that she's actually ahead of children her age in the language department.

"It's unbelievable what a difference it has made," Janet Lewis said. "Before she would just sit there and you couldn't even engage her to look at you. She just didn't know what you were talking about, and she had no expressions. But with therapy, she slowly began to understand things, and now she's at the point where she talks a lot, and she's really interacting well."

Polk, a senior, is one of 21 students from the University of Mary Washington working with autistic children through Reaching Potentials, a private, non-profit organization that uses Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to help children with autism learn and socialize. Autism is a disorder



Courtesy Erin Polk

Senior Erin Polk poses with 6-year-old Julia Lewis during one of their therapy sessions. Polk volunteers with an organization that helps children with autism to learn and socialize.

that affects each individual differently and to varying degrees of severity.

According to the Autism Society of America, as many as 1.5 million Americans are thought to have autism today. While no one knows for sure what causes autism, it is believed to be caused by abnormalities in brain structure or function.

Miriam Liss, psychology professor at the University of Mary Washington, arranged for the collaboration of the university with Reaching Potentials upon her arrival in 2001.

"Reaching Potentials has consistently said to me how great Mary Wash students are," said Liss. "It has been very successful and exciting."

Liss, who worked with autistic children in college, was thrilled for the opportunity for some of her students to take on a similar opportunity. She encouraged Polk to join the program, and Polk has learned a lot through her experience.

"It has been totally rewarding and enriching," Polk said. "The program is great in itself for the families in the area because the students offer their services at a cheap price, whereas most of the families would probably not be able to get ABA if it weren't for this program. And then it's great for the students because we get experience that most grad students are only starting to get."

So far, Polk has worked with 13 families

through direct therapy, training therapists, and her sub-specialty, potty training. Her junior year, she was hired as a student liaison, which required her to train therapists for other families.

Applied Behavior Analysis is the only empirically supported treatment for autism. It is a method that uses principles of reinforcement to teach behaviors in a systematic, step-by-step fashion. In this method, children are asked to perform simple tasks, such as labeling and imitation, and are rewarded by their teacher with praise or food when they accomplish the tasks.

According to the Autism Society of America,

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Meghann Madigan / Bullet

Girls taking the RAD class hang out and talk about the secret maneuvers they learned to defend themselves. Clockwise from top left: Jenny Duvall, Moira Riser, Julia Rickey, Rachel McDonald and Katie Weakley.

Girls Learn RAD Moves

By MEGHANN MADIGAN
Staff Writer

In the center of the room there is a petite female student surrounded by four very large men. They taunt and berate her but she does not lash out. Instead she is yelling for them to leave her alone. She has her eyes closed and she cannot predict the next move that will be made. But when the first attack comes she will be ready.

Why? Because this is the University of Mary Washington Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class and this is step four: simulation. The student in the center of the room is equipped with minimal padding but ultimate knowledge: she is capable of lethal force.

The men who surround her are in fact police officers and they are in need of the full body padding they wear. For them, this is going to be a long evening.

30 to 40 female students are going to spend the next couple hours kicking their butts.

Sgt. Sharon Mullen, who has been teaching RAD classes at the University for three and a half years, recommends the class for any and all females.

"The most important reason to take the class is the self-dependency, to be able to depend on yourself and no one or anything else," she said.

Mullen held a safety meeting for the residents of Virginia Hall during the first week of classes. She promoted her RAD program and there was a noticeable response. The current participants of the RAD program this session are primarily

freshman girls living in Virginia Hall.

The students in the program, whom Mullen affectionately calls "my girls," joined RAD in order to affirm their desire to stay alive.

Junior Jenny Duvall said, "My favorite thing about RAD is that it is female empowering."

Not much of the RAD handbook can be shared with the general public, but one of the main tenets of the program is that each student must be dedicated to their own self-preservation.

As the instructors would say, "It's either them or you... who do you want to walk away?" And the students reply with a resounding "me!"

By first informing the students what type of situations to avoid and what simple preventative measures they can take in their daily lives, RAD instructors hope to ensure their students never need to use the tools they have learned to escape abduction.

According to the RAD mission statement, written by founder Lawrence N. Nadeau, the main purpose of the program is "to develop and enhance the options of self-defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked."

Freshman Moira Riser has the same objective. "I wanted to have more options in self-defense," she said.

Today, the need for risk awareness, reduction, recognition and avoidance are even more necessary than ever before.

One in four women will be raped during their

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Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



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To Carrot Top.



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Self-Defense Class Empowers College-Aged Women

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college careers, according to a 1987 study by Koss and Wisniewski. Therefore, it is no surprise that the RAD Program at the University of Mary Washington is gaining popularity.

RAD systems are the national standard in self-defense education. Across the country women pay organizations and local community centers for RAD instruction.

On campus, women have multiple chances a year to learn life-saving techniques for free.

For no cost and a short walk to Lee Hall, the invaluable lessons of RAD are the bargain of the century. Even a first-year college student can figure that out.

Senior Kacy Zuchowski agrees that the program is useful for students.

"It makes you a lot safer, because it makes you more confident," she said. "It empowers you to make decisions."

Kacy said she has noticed much enthusiasm from girls in her hall who come back after class saying "I am soooooo bruised, but it is so cool!"

Self-defense is like many other things in life in that it is a skill which needs to be continually practiced. Understanding this concept, the founder of RAD ensures that once a student has completed the RAD program they can bring their signed handbook to any other repeat session throughout the country and take a refresher course for free.

After four classes – one in the classroom, two in physical training, and the last in simulation – students will be prepared for many different situations and various attack techniques. No matter your age or size you can learn to use the

tools of RAD.

According to Mullen, the founder designed the class is for all ages and capabilities.

"If his 63-year-old mother couldn't do it, then he threw it out," Mullen said.

Male students are allowed in the classes. But a RAD for men is in the works and may sometime soon be offered through a local community center.

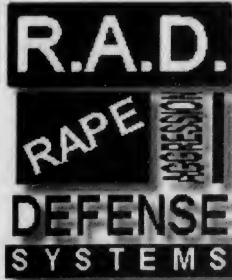
In training and in simulation, the myth that men are stronger than women is continually destroyed. Strength may come from different parts of the body in women versus men but the strength does exist nonetheless.

In the past Mullen has used her 10-year-old daughter to demonstrate that despite size, women still have power against possible abductors.

Once during a demonstration, Mullen's daughter was able to flip her mother across the room.

The young women of the class know that women between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age are the most likely to be raped, according to a study done by the Bureau of Justice in 1990, but yet they do not fear. These young women also know that to look like a victim quite often means to become one as well.

So men, if you're walking down campus walk at night and a young woman you do not know looks you straight in the eye and smiles – chances are she isn't hitting on you she is simply affirming her own confidence... That is if she's a RAD girl.



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Contact Sgt. Sharon Mullen (540) 654-1638 for more information about RAD Self-Defense classes. The next session will be held starting Wednesday, Oct. 13. For more information rape/sexual assault call the Campus Police at (540) 654-1025 or go online to www.rad-systems.com.

The White Ribbon Campaign

Scheduled for November 1-5, the White Ribbon Campaign is a way for men to make a formal commitment not to commit, condone, or tolerate violence against women.

Meetings are every Monday at 3 p.m. in Marye House - the Judicial Affairs and Community Responsibility conference room on the second floor.

Contact Ray Tuttle, Ph.D. with questions at (540) 654-1660 or email at rtuttle@umw.edu.

Breaking Away

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researchers believe that ABA can help autistic children, especially if they receive intensive one-on-one therapy before age 6. Behavior modification produces varying results for each child.

Polk believes if children like Julia keep up the ABA over the years, they will be able to graduate from the program entirely. But since autistic children have to develop faster than the average child in order to keep up, this is a challenge.

"I'm always the eternal optimist," Polk said. "When they say a kid can't do something, I say, 'I don't think so. Let me have 'em, let me see what I can do.'"

Despite Polk's relentless optimism, there are definitely times when she feels frustrated and overwhelmed. Recently, one of her children was having an incredibly difficult time labeling things.

"It is so hard," Polk said. "I know in his head that he knows what it is; you can just see it in his eyes. But if I held up a block, he just kept calling it a car. He was crying and getting frustrated because he just couldn't do it, but we just kept at it and when he finally did it, I went nuts."

Polk rewarded her child with a hug and a

handful of blueberries, his favorite snack.

The project, which is open to all students, is worked on mainly by psychology majors, who can use the hours to complete their community service learning requirement. The students, who receive free training through a two-day workshop, are paid a minimum of \$6 per hour by the families. In recent years, the project has been approved as a work study program. Both Polk and Liss noted that while students may initially find working on the project difficult, almost all of them become comfortable working with the children within the span of a week or so.

"It's a new way of interacting," said Liss. "The children make progress very quickly. It's challenging at first, but very, very rewarding."

Polk has found the rewards in this project, along with her life's calling. After graduating, she plans to continue working with autistic children.

"Sometimes I look at their progress and I'm just completely amazed," Polk said. "It's wonderful because I can see the change that I've helped make in their lives. To go from some of them not even speaking to learning language is incredible. It's had an absolute big impact on my life."

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Unexpected Version Of "Antigone"

Theatre Department Chooses Anouilh's Version Over Sophocles

BY BECCA BARNABI
Staff Writer

Antigone is going to die. The Greek Chorus tells the audience she is going to die. Antigone tells the audience she is going to die.

"My dog, Puff," Antigone said to her nurse. "Promise me that you will never scold her again."

The nurse disagreed.

"Dogs that dirty up a house with their filthy paws deserve to be scolded," the nurse said.

Antigone insists the nurse talk to her dog just as she does. But the nurse does not understand why she should do that if Antigone will be around to talk to Puff.

"I don't see why both of us have to make fools of ourselves. So long as you're here, one ought to be enough," the nurse said.

But Antigone will not be around much longer. After all, this is what happens in a Greek tragedy: People die. Even young people.

University of Mary Washington's Department of Theatre kicked off this academic year with a production of "Antigone."

Audiences might have been surprised, however, to find out that this was not the version of "Antigone" that they were expecting.

University of Mary Washington's Theatre Department chose to put on a production of a version of "Antigone" written by Jean Anouilh, not Sophocles, which more audience members, particularly English majors, might have been expecting.

According to Assistant Professor of the Theatre Department and Director Helen Housley, Anouilh's version of "Antigone" was chosen for several reasons. Anouilh's version is modern and appeals to students and faculty. Also, its language is easier to understand.

Not to mention that Anouilh's version required a smaller cast and enabled the department to put the production on in a short amount of time. "Antigone" was cast, designed, and rehearsed within three weeks.

Anouilh provided powerful dialogue for the University of Mary Washington students and they portrayed it with equally powerful acting.

The title role of the girl destined to die, Antigone, was portrayed by senior Laura Odegaard. This performance served as Odegaard's senior project for the theatre major.

Odegaard turned in a wonderful performance as a beautiful, young, and strong-willed Antigone who is driven by her beliefs to put right what her uncle, King Creon, has made wrong.

Creon was portrayed by sophomore Peter Larson, who is a theatre and political science major. Larson's King of Thebes was a caring uncle, but also a king who could instill fear in those around him, including the audience.

After Antigone was caught burying her brother, Polynices, whom Creon had decreed not to be given a proper burial, she was brought to Creon by guards. At one point during their conversation, in which he attempted to save his niece from the death that he promised for anyone who dared bury Polynices, Creon grabbed Antigone by her hair.

Later, he grabbed her by the arm but she continued to insist that her fate was death. He continued to try to save her.

"Now you are squeezing my arm too tightly. It doesn't hurt anyone," Antigone said.

Creon disregarded Antigone's distress.

"I shall save you yet," Creon said.

Larson said that he viewed Creon in Anouilh's version of "Antigone" to be a tragic hero just like Antigone.

Antigone and her sister Ismene's nurse were portrayed perfectly by senior Mary Sarah LaFantasie. LaFantasie's nurse was both endearing and funny.

Junior Tori Miller was Ismene, Antigone's beautiful younger sister, who was frightened of their uncle's decree of death for anyone who dared bury their brother.



Above: Freshman Kyle McLean, and senior Laura Odegaard and freshman Jenna Clare Doolittle prepare to take Antigone, prepares to her punishment.
Right: Odegaard speaks her mind to sophomore Peter Larson, Creon King of Thebes.

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Ismene pleaded with her sister not to defy King Creon. Ismene loves her sister.

Does Antigone not want to live? Doing the right thing is great, Ismene said, but Antigone is a girl.

Ismene was too late. Antigone had already buried their brother, and it was her fate to die.

The King's son and Antigone's fiancé, Haemon, was portrayed by senior Phil Seidman, whose performance also served as his senior project for the theatre major.

Seidman's portrayal of a love-struck and consequently broken, Haemon was touching his beloved Antigone will die and his father, the King, cannot do anything to stop it.

The role of the Greek Chorus was performed by freshman Mary Pilger who did an incredible job of informing the audience of what was going to occur while also keeping them in suspense.

By the end of the production, Pilger had the audience comparing themselves to the characters in the story, and realizing that tragedy is not something that only happens in a Greek play. Tragedy happens in real life also.

The guards in charge of keeping watch over Polynices' body provided more comic relief to the audience. They were portrayed by freshmen Christian Deegan, Kyle McLean, and sophomore Jenna Clare Doolittle.

Deegan's performance as the first guard Private Jonas, and the one put in charge of telling the frightening King Creon that someone tried to bury Polynices, was a particularly unexpected joy to see on stage.

His guard was reminiscent of the stereotypical character who does as his boss tells him to do, but has an awful lot to say about how he goes about doing what he is told to do.

The costume design for "Antigone" was created so that it would not place the show in a certain time period, according to costume designer and Assistant Professor of the Theatre Department Kevin McCluskey. In accomplishing this, the production would be true to playwright Anouilh's goal for the story to be universal.

"We wanted to create a timeless feel that's rooted in contemporary clothing," McCluskey said.

All of the women's costumes and Haemon's costume were produced in the costume shop here at University of Mary Washington. King Creon's suit was bought from a local store and altered.

McCluskey said that the color scheme of the costumes was deliberately done so that black represented a character who held authority, while white represented purity. All other colors were meant to fall between these two extremes.

Creon's suit was completely black and Antigone's was a long white gown. Ismene was attired in a splendid lavender tube top and a long lavender skirt. The Chorus was impressive in a cream-colored long sleeved top and pants. Haemon's vest and long pants



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were white. The nurse, being another character who held some authority over the girls, wore a long mauve colored dress.

As a result, the costume design was simple, but elegant. Associate Professor of the Theatre Department Julie Hodge handled the lighting design.

Professor of the Theatre Department and Scene Designer, David E. Hunt, Jr., provided a set which appeared just like an ancient Greek palace constructed of marble.

Further back, towering over the actors, was a soaring two-headed eagle that held an expression of anger.

The entire production of "Antigone" occurred in less than two hours on stage, but may remain with audience members for some time afterward.

Housley said that Anouilh was brave to have written his play when he did. As a French citizen in 1942, Anouilh wrote while Nazi Germany was occupying France.

According to Housley, Anouilh wrote his play as a call to the French to stand up to the Nazis. French audiences perceived this, but many took no action.

In the play's conclusion, Creon, the symbol for the Nazis, survived, so the Nazis did not realize the political message in the play.

However, the play was not titled "Creon." It was titled after a young girl who was determined to do what was right, regardless of whether it meant her death.

The Theatre Department's performance of "Antigone" came from a translation by Lewis Galantiere.

“We wanted to create a timeless feel that's rooted in contemporary clothing.”

—Kevin McCluskey



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Cheap Seats Prizes Not So Cheap

By JANNA LEVIN
Staff Writer

Junior Travis Smith, senior co-chair of Cheap Seats Cinema, is thrilled about the club's latest event which is a contest to name Channel 27, the Cheap Seats movie channel.

The winner will get celebrity treatment. The first place prize is four movies of his or her choice broadcast to all of Mary Washington and a month of movies named for them.

Smith explains how Channel 27 is run. "We divide movie showings into 15-day segments," Smith said. "There are eight movies shown each month which is four during each segment."

The channel is currently offering Julia Roberts month, complete with chick-flick classics "Erin Brockovich," "Notting Hill," "My Best Friend's Wedding" and "Pretty Woman."

Students can enter the name contest on the Cheap Seats Web site, which Smith boasts is "the most comprehensive of any student organization."

The Web site lists the movie schedule for the entire semester, including the one-dollar movies shown most weekends in Dodd Auditorium. Two movies are selected for each weekend, and shown several times each, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Star-worthy perks await Cheap Seats Cinema members. All members sit and collect admission for one movie a semester, and get in to the rest for free. The club's 180 members choose which movies will be shown at the end of each year at the annual Cheap Seats Trailer Party.

The film suppliers send the club dozens of trailers, which are

voted on, and the most popular are ordered.

Junior Jonathon May is one of the biggest reasons to go see a Cheap Seats movie. As Giveaway Chair, it is his idea to come up with the tempting prizes that are raffled off at the beginning of each movie. CDs, DVDs and free movie passes are given away at every showing, but the prizes often get truly creative.

At a showing of "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, & Blonde" last year, Cheap Seats hosted a "bend and snap" contest, giving a spa gift certificate to the winner. Most movies are well attended, but some have packed the house. Cult classic "Pirates of the Caribbean" made a huge splash last Halloween.

May commented on his favorite Cheap Seats movie.

"The Ring," May said. "It was a scary moment. My friends and I all freaked out. During the scary parts, we all screamed together."

May wants all of campus to share his enthusiasm.

"We do requests," he said of Channel 27.

According to May, anyone can send an e-mail to film@umw.edu and the committee will decide whether they can get that movie.

"Give us requests," May said. "Give us topics for names. Right now, we have crappy entries."

Cheap Seats member junior Amanda Neyenhouse adds her plea.

"Channel 27 rocks," Neyenhouse said. "It shows all kinds of good movies. Spread the love and help us find a name."

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News

Virginia Still In Play

◀ SWINGER, page 1

University of Mary Washington, said that Virginia is a culturally moderate to conservative state and thus is more closely aligned with the Republican philosophy.

According to the Federal Election Commission records, Bush beat Gore in 2000 by 8.03 percentage points in Virginia. Farnsworth said polls show the numbers are reasonably close in Virginia between Bush and Kerry, and are closer than they have been in the past.

However, Rozell said most polls this year mean very little.

"Pollsters are not getting responses," Rozell said.

According to Rozell, the popularity of caller I.D. and the use of cell phones instead of land lines causes polling errors that prevent pollsters from getting accurate results. Therefore polls can come out the same day and show dramatically different results. However, Rozell said a CBS poll Sept. 17 seemed mostly accurate, placing Bush with 50 percent of the popular vote and Kerry with 41 percent, nationwide.

Despite Democratic Party efforts, it increasingly appears that Virginia will not be a swing state.

"It's a Republican state at the presidential level," Rozell said. "This was the only state in the South not to vote for Jimmy Carter, and even in '64 it was pretty close. This is not a friendly state for

the Democratic party in elections."

Adam Bellacicco, a University of Mary Washington senior economics major agrees.

"Traditionally the Republicans have taken Virginia and I don't see any new developments that are going to change that," Bellacicco said.

The Virginia Democratic Party still feels there is a chance for Kerry.

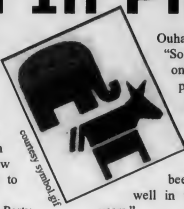
"We have a Democratic governor and continue to get Democrats elected to office," Bland said. "People forget that in '92, Clinton only lost in Virginia by about 50,000 votes. We see Virginia as a very competitive place for a Democrat to run in."

According to Farnsworth, the most important issue for Republicans will be the war in Iraq, and for Democrats it will be the economy and healthcare.

Farnsworth said polls show Bush's focus on the war is a smart strategy and he gets higher marks on dealing with terrorism than on the economy.

Mariam Ouhamou, a University of Mary Washington senior international affairs major, agreed.

"It's important for [Kerry] to focus on healthcare and the economy because he has flip-flopped on the war issue before and in times of war or conflict, Americans want a decisive and somewhat hard-headed leader, and that is not one of Kerry's strengths,"



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Ouhamou said. "So, by focusing on the domestic politics, he might edge out Bush because the economy hasn't been doing so well in the past four years."

Andrew Lamar, chairman of the University of Mary Washington College Republicans agrees.

"The fact that President Bush has the strength and backbone to stand up and do what he knows is right by fighting this war on terror, well, I think a lot of Virginia votes are going to have that connection and support the President even more," Lamar said.

According to Shawn Smith, communications director of the Virginia Republican Party, Kerry pulled his advertising in Virginia recently to concentrate his efforts elsewhere. Lamar said this may be a sign that even the Kerry campaign has stopped seeing Virginia as a battleground state.

Rozell agreed. "The Kerry campaign made a huge mistake putting resources here early on," Rozell said.

Whether or not Virginia will be competitive, nationwide results are going to come down to Election Day.

"All indications are that the electoral vote is going to be close. Most of the states that Bush won he's likely to win again, and also the states that Gore won, Kerry is likely to win this time," Farnsworth said. "Virginia is a state that consistently votes Republican in presidential elections."

Encouraging young people to vote will be one of the most important things in determining who wins the election this year, and University of Mary Washington students are working hard to make sure people do vote. According to Farnsworth, younger voters support Kerry more often.

"Traditionally, younger people turn out in lower percentages than older people, and if Kerry is able to narrow that gap, it could really have a huge impact on his national standing," Farnsworth said.

Dana Ferreira, president of the University of Mary Washington Young Democrats, agreed.

"Everybody does assume that Virginia is going to go Republican, which may discourage liberal voters who feel like their vote is going to be wasted in a state that is predetermined, but people need to realize that this is a defeatist attitude, and if you actually step up and throw your vote in and if everyone comes out here and actually votes, we may be able to change history," Ferreira said.

According to Smith, the Republican Party also is encouraging people to vote, and the Republicans have an aggressive plan to register and identify voters to drive a high turnout in the November election.

Both parties are working to promote their respective candidates and encourage people to vote.

Smith said the Bush campaign has been advertising on cable channels nationwide.

The University of Mary Washington College Republicans have recently participated in a Bush rally at the GOP headquarters in Richmond and they have also done door-to-door grassroots campaigning in Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg and will try to have another rally before the election.

"We've spent just as much time off campus as on campus, if not more actual ground activity," Lamar said.

The Young Democrats are also campaigning both on and off campus.

"One of things we're doing is Rock the Vote, we're participating wholly in that, we like the way they're doing it," Ferreira said.

Rock the Vote took place on Thursday, Sept. 16 in Ball Circle and was a non-partisan way to inform young people about the importance of voting.

According to Ferreira, the Democrats have also been working closely with the newly formed group Students for Kerry, as well as stuffing envelopes and working phone banks. They are trying to do canvassing work in Fredericksburg, and are working through the campaign and the Virginia Young Democrats.

They may also go with the state organization to a Campaign Invasion event in Pennsylvania, which includes knocking on doors and meeting people to get out and vote. Pennsylvania is still considered a swing state and is a battleground area for both parties.

Science Grant Awarded To UMW For New Electron Microscope

National Science Foundation Grant For \$247,241 Will Benefit Many Different Departments At The University

By LEAH TRIPLETT
Staff Writer

A microscope slightly larger than an average office desk will be a valuable addition to the Jepson Science Center this year.

The microscope, a new type of scanning electron microscope, was developed in Japan and was made available through a \$247,241 grant bestowed upon the University of Mary Washington by The National Science Foundation, according to a press release sent out on Sept. 13.

The press release said the scanning electron microscope, or as it is commonly called, SEM, looks at the entire surface of a sample instead of sections unlike more standard machines.

Microscopes found in introductory science labs are only capable of magnification up to 1,000 times by using light, in addition to being much bigger than the SEM, the press release said.

"The addition of such a valuable piece of equipment to the Jepson Science Center will ensure that Mary Washington remains an outstanding place for both faculty and students to participate in extraordinary research opportunities," said President William M. Anderson in the press release.

SEMs at the University of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University are such that scientists must first dehydrate and coat the sample being examined with gold or silver. The attachment on the University of Mary Washington SEM eradicates this damaging process.

Not many other schools in the United States have a variable pressure scanning electron

microscope such as this.

"It is like a newer model of a car," Associate Professor of Biology and Primary Grant Investigator Dr. Kathryn Loesser-Casey said. "The [microscope] has upgraded features that make it desirable to other departments as well."

Many disciplines at the University of Mary Washington can utilize the machine in the Jepson Center. Chemistry, geology, biology, and physics departments will utilize the machine in research projects.



Courtesy Andrew Deci

Junior Deborah Brown uses the new scanning electron microscope.

experienced University of Mary Washington staff will be operating the machine. There will be several undergraduate courses offered in just how to operate this complex machine, according to Loesser-Casey.

Such advanced microscopes are hard to find in undergraduate courses of study, according to the press release, making the acquisition provided by The National Science Foundation even more notable.

Although the grant was at first denied by The National Science Foundation, other professors worked diligently alongside Loesser-Casey in order to re-vamp the proposal to be refunded.

The hard work has paid off, as the scanning electron microscope will put both the University of Mary Washington and the Jepson Science Center on the map.

Students of classics, art history, and historic preservation will find the machine very helpful in studying artifacts for chemical content and will be able to more exactly date artifacts without brutally harming them with dehydration and coats of paint.

Because SEMs such as this are not found at other universities and colleges in the United States, a very

New Mailboxes Installed Around The UMW Campus

Students Can Now Save A Trip To The Campus Center Post Office

By MARIANNE SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Students no longer need to run across campus before 4 p.m. to mail out a card to that special someone, because two new outgoing mailboxes were installed on the University of Mary Washington campus this past August.

The shiny new silver mailboxes that sport the traditional red flag can be found in two different places on campus: George Washington Circle and at the club house area of the university apartments.

Lisa Mitchell, the document services and mail service manager, said convenience was the main reason why the mailboxes were installed. She said it was not as a result of complaints about mail service received prior to the boxes being installed despite what some may have thought.

Mitchell said the mailboxes were placed in areas that would be easily accessible for faculty and students.

"Originally we were going to put [the mailboxes] near the Lee Hall Book Store, but then it made more sense to be put further down," Mitchell said.

Pitney Bowes Management Services, a contractor of the University of Mary Washington provided one of the mailboxes on a complimentary basis.

The other mailbox, however was not free, and therefore cost the university approximately \$300, not including installation.

Mitchell said facilities services was responsible for installing the mailboxes.

The mail from the new boxes is picked up once a day, Monday through Friday. The mail at George Washington Circle is picked up at 3 p.m. and the mail at the apartments is picked up at 9:30 a.m.

So far the volume of outgoing mail has been small. According to supervisor of the mail room, Anita McAlister, there are about 10-50 pieces of outgoing mail per day at the George Washington Circle box and at the apartments.

McAlister said the amount of outgoing mail should increase within the next few months, especially with the holidays coming.

McAlister also said the main post office in the campus center gets about 50-70,000 pieces of outgoing mail per month. Mail there includes both letters and packages.

Mitchell said the response on campus to the new mailboxes has been positive.

"I guess if you live near the new mailboxes, it will be easier for you," said sophomore Yelena Lazdun. "You don't have to walk all the way to campus center."

Mitchell said there are no plans to add any additional mailboxes at this time.

CORRECTIONS:

— In the Sept. 16 *Bullet* article titled "UMW Donates \$20 Million," the headline was incorrect. UMW will be joining with other organizations to raise \$20 million for the Maury School project.

— In the Sept. 16 *Bullet* article titled "Budgets Released," it was incorrectly stated that the Trek Club will not take a ski trip this year. A ski trip will be offered but will not be funded by the Finance Committee.

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Viewpoints

Nothing Would Be Sweeter Than Salt

By **BENJAMIN VINGEANT** and
AARON WINSTON
Guest Columnists

"History repeats itself." If you've taken a history class, you definitely have heard this phrase. In fact, you can't take a leisurely walk through Monroe Hall without hearing it at least seven times.

Seven times, reverberating like the whispers of ghosts through the stark, cold halls of the obnoxious fortress of pain and education that is Monroe Hall. I dare you to try it. You can't. It's something that all history professors try to burn into their students' malleable minds.

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Back then, a shaker full of salt was worth at least \$7 million (equivalent, of course), so they had to go on wild adventures to find it.

Of course, as with all precious materials, there wasn't nearly enough to go around. Huge wars began over salt. Millions died.

What does this have to do with University of Mary Washington? Take Seacobeck, for example. An innocent food court? Think again.

Now, what could one do to Seaco to make it a bit more...say...educational? Perhaps one could remove about half of the salt shakers in the cafeteria.

Ah, but how would that make it educational? Perhaps certain history professors are trying to make history...repeat itself.

We can't speak for everyone, but we've seen at least eight different fights break out over salt shakers. Thanks to a certain cabal of dastardly history professors, now UMW's own spice wars have begun.

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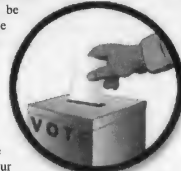
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University of Mary Washington, said that Virginia is a culturally moderate to conservative state and thus is more closely aligned with the Republican philosophy.

According to the Federal Election Commission records, Bush beat Gore in 2000 by 8.03 percentage points in Virginia. Farnsworth said polls show the numbers are reasonably close in Virginia between Bush and Kerry, and are closer than they have been in the past.

However, Rozell said most polls this year mean very little.

"Pollsters are not getting responses," Rozell said.

According to Rozell, the popularity of caller I.D. and the use of cell phones instead of land lines causes polling errors that prevent pollsters from getting accurate results. Therefore polls can come out the same day and show dramatically different results. However, Rozell said a CBS poll Sept. 17 seemed mostly accurate, placing Bush with 50 percent of the popular vote and Kerry with 41 percent, nationwide.

Despite Democratic Party efforts, it increasingly appears that Virginia will not be a swing state.

"It's a Republican state at the presidential level," Rozell said. "This was the only state in the South not to vote for Jimmy Carter, and even in '64 it was pretty close. This is not a friendly state for

the Democratic party in elections."

Adam Bellacicco, a University of Mary Washington senior economics major agrees.

"Traditionally the Republicans have taken Virginia and I don't see any new developments that are going to change that," Bellacicco said.

The Virginia Democratic Party still feels there is a chance for Kerry.

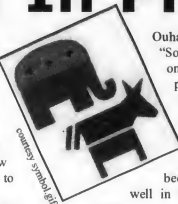
"We have a Democratic governor and continue to get Democrats elected to office," Bland said. "People forget that in '92, Clinton only lost in Virginia by about 50,000 votes. We see Virginia as a very competitive place for a Democrat to run in."

According to Farnsworth, the most important issue for Republicans will be the war in Iraq, and for Democrats it will be the economy and healthcare.

Farnsworth said polls show Bush's focus on the war is a smart strategy and he gets higher marks on dealing with terrorism than on the economy.

Marian Ouhamou, a University of Mary Washington senior international affairs major, agreed.

"It's important for [Kerry] to focus on healthcare and the economy because he has flip-flopped on the war issue before and in times of war or conflict, Americans want a decisive and somewhat hard-headed leader, and that is not one of Kerry's strengths,"



Ouhamou said. "So, by focusing on the domestic politics, he might edge out Bush because the economy hasn't been doing so well in the past four years."

Andrew Lamar, chairman of the University of Mary Washington College Republicans agrees.

"The fact that President Bush has the strength and backbone to stand up and do what he knows is right by fighting this war on terror, well, I think a lot of Virginia votes are going to have that connection and support the President even more," Lamar said.

According to Shawn Smith, communications director of the Virginia Republican Party, Kerry pulled his advertising in Virginia recently to concentrate his efforts elsewhere. Lamar said this may be a sign that even the Kerry campaign has stopped seeing Virginia as a battleground state.

Rozell agreed. "The Kerry campaign made a huge mistake putting resources here early on," Rozell said.

Whether or not Virginia will be competitive, nationwide results are going to come down to Election Day.

"All indications are that the electoral vote is going to be close. Most of the states that Bush won he's likely to win again, and also the states that Gore won, Kerry is likely to win this time," Farnsworth said. "Virginia is a state that consistently votes Republican in presidential elections."

Encouraging young people to vote will be one of the most important things in determining who wins the election this year, and University of Mary Washington students are working hard to make sure people do vote. According to Farnsworth, younger voters support Kerry more often.

"Traditionally, younger people turn out in lower percentages than older people, and if Kerry is able to narrow that gap, it could really have a huge impact on his national standing," Farnsworth said.

Dana Ferreira, president of the University of Mary Washington Young Democrats, agreed.

"Everybody does assume that Virginia is going to go Republican, which may discourage liberal voters who feel like their vote is going to be wasted in a state that is predetermined, but people need to realize that this is a defeatist attitude, and if you actually step up and throw your vote in and if everyone comes out here and actually votes, we may be able to change history," Ferreira said.

According to Smith, the Republican Party also is encouraging people to vote, and the Republicans have an aggressive plan to register and identify voters to drive a high turnout in the November election.

Both parties are working to promote their respective candidates and encourage people to vote.

Smith said the Bush campaign has been advertising on cable channels nationwide.

The University of Mary Washington College Republicans have recently participated in a Bush rally at the GOP headquarters in Richmond and they have also done door-to-door grassroots campaigning in Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg and will try to have another rally before the election.

"We've spent just as much time off campus as on campus, if not more actual ground activity," Lamar said.

The Young Democrats are also campaigning both on and off campus.

"One of things we're doing is Rock the Vote, we're participating wholly in that, we like the way they're doing it," Ferreira said.

Rock the Vote took place on Thursday, Sept. 16 in Ball Circle and was a non-partisan way to inform young people about the importance of voting.

According to Ferreira, the Democrats have also been working closely with the newly formed group Students for Kerry, as well as stuffing envelopes and working phone banks. They are trying to do canvassing work in Fredericksburg, and are working through the campaign and the Virginia Young Democrats.

They may also go with the state organization to a Campaign Invasion event in Pennsylvania, which includes knocking on doors and meeting people to get out and vote. Pennsylvania is still considered a swing state and is a battleground area for both parties.

Science Grant Awarded To UMW For New Electron Microscope

National Science Foundation Grant For \$247,241 Will Benefit Many Different Departments At The University

By LEAH TRIPLETT
Staff Writer

A microscope slightly larger than an average office desk will be a valuable addition to the Jepson Science Center this year.

The microscope, a new type of scanning electron microscope, was developed in Japan and was made available through a \$247,241 grant bestowed upon the University of Mary Washington by The National Science Foundation, according to a press release sent out on Sept. 13.

The press release said the scanning electron microscope, or as it is commonly called, SEM, looks at the entire surface of a sample instead of sections unlike more standard machines.

Microscopes found in introductory science labs are only capable of magnification up to 1,000 times by using light, in addition to being much bigger than the SEM, the press release said.

"The addition of such a valuable piece of equipment to the Jepson Science Center will ensure that Mary Washington remains an outstanding place for both faculty and students to participate in extraordinary research opportunities," said President William M. Anderson in the press release.

SEMs at the University of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University are such that scientists must first dehydrate and coat the sample being examined with gold or silver. The attachment on the University of Mary Washington SEM eradicates this damaging process.

Not many other schools in the United States have a variable pressure scanning electron

microscope such as this.

"It is like a newer model of a car," Associate Professor of Biology and Primary Grant Investigator Dr. Kathryn Loesser-Casey said. "[The microscope] has upgraded features that make it desirable to other departments as well."

Many disciplines at the University of Mary Washington can utilize the machine in the Jepson Center. Chemistry, geology, biology, and physics departments will utilize the machine in research projects.



Courtesy Andrew Deci

Junior Deborah Brown uses the new scanning electron microscope.

Students of classics, art history, and historic preservation will find the machine very helpful in studying artifacts for chemical content and will be able to more exactly date artifacts without brutally harming them with dehydration and coats of paint.

Because SEMs such as these are not found at other universities and colleges in the United States, a very experienced University of Mary Washington staff will be operating the machine. There will be several undergraduate courses offered in just how to operate this complex machine, according to Loesser-Casey.

Such advanced microscopes are hard to find in undergraduate courses of study, according to the press release, making the acquisition provided by The National Science Foundation even more notable.

Although the grant was at first denied by The National Science Foundation, other professors worked diligently alongside Loesser-Casey in order to re-vamp the proposal to be refunded.

The hard work has paid off, as the scanning electron microscope will put both the University of Mary Washington and the Jepson Science Center on the map.

New Mailboxes Installed Around The UMW Campus

Students Can Now Save A Trip To The Campus Center Post Office

By MARIANNE SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Students no longer need to run across campus before 4 p.m. to mail out a card to that special someone, because two new outgoing mailboxes were installed on the University of Mary Washington campus this past August.

The shiny new silver mailboxes that sport the traditional red flag can be found in two different places on campus: George Washington Circle and at the club house area of the university apartments.

Lisa Mitchell, the document services and mail service manager, said convenience was the main reason why the mailboxes were installed. She said it was not as a result of complaints about mail service received prior to the boxes being installed despite what some may have thought.

Mitchell said the mailboxes were placed in areas that would be easily accessible for faculty and students.

"Originally we were going to put [the mailboxes] near the Lee Hall Book Store, but then it made more sense to be put further down," Mitchell said.

Pitney Bowes Management Services, a contractor of the University of Mary Washington provided one of the mailboxes on a complimentary basis.

The other mailbox, however was not free, and therefore cost the university approximately \$300, not including installation.

Mitchell said facilities services was responsible for installing the mailboxes.

The mail from the new boxes is picked up once a day, Monday through Friday. The mail at George Washington Circle is picked up at 3 p.m. and the mail at the apartments is picked up at 9:30 a.m.

So far the volume of outgoing mail has been small. According to supervisor of the mail room, Anita McAlister, there are about 10-50 pieces of outgoing mail per day at the George Washington Circle box and at the apartments.

McAlister said the amount of outgoing mail should increase within the next few months, especially with the holidays coming.

McAlister also said the main post office in the campus center gets about 50-70,000 pieces of outgoing mail per month. Mail there includes both letters and packages.

Mitchell said the response on campus to the new mailboxes has been positive.

"I guess if you live near the new mailboxes, it will be easier for you," said sophomore Yelena Lazdun. "You don't have to walk all the way to campus center."

Mitchell said there are no plans to add any additional mailboxes at this time.

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Viewpoints

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By **BENJAMIN VINGEANT** and
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Guest Columnists

"History repeats itself." If you've taken a history class, you definitely have heard this phrase. In fact, you can't take a leisurely walk through Monroe Hall without hearing it at least seven times.

Seven times, reverberating like the whispers of ghosts through the stark, cold halls of the obsidian fortress of pain and education that is Monroe Hall. I dare you to try it. You can't. It's something that all history professors try to burn into their students' malleable minds.

Now, the history professors have taken it a step further. They've hatched an insidious plot to educate us outside of the classroom.

Centuries ago, long before the New World was discovered, a series of expeditions was sent out from Europe. These adventures weren't for romance, or to fight a series of piracy foes, but rather for spices. One of the most sought-after spices of them all was the coveted salt.

Back then, a shaker full of salt was worth at least \$7 million (equivalent, of course), so they had to go on wild adventures to find it.

Of course, as with all precious materials, there wasn't nearly enough to go around. Huge wars began over salt. Millions died.

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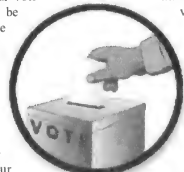
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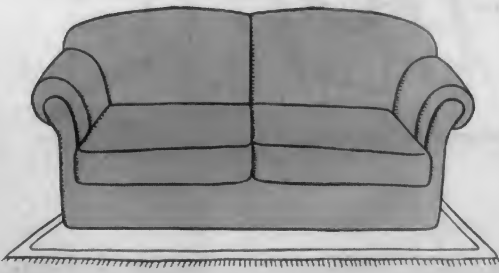
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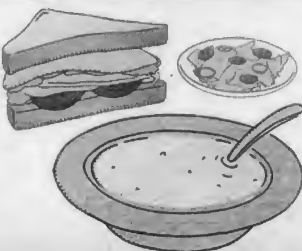
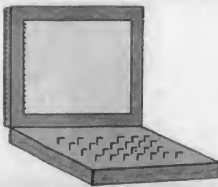


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Sports



Senior Amanda Mulhern sprints up the field.

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Eagles Drop Close Game

By AMANDA BURNHAM
Staff Writer

In Wednesday's field hockey game between the University of Mary Washington and Catholic University, the persistent Cardinal offense was able to score the only goal of the game with only 4:53 left on the clock in their 1-0 victory over the Eagles. Catholic's Christy Engstrom scored the goal off of an assist from Jamie Punyko.

"It was a strong shot that managed to get by us," junior All-CAC goalie Robyn Lankford said.

The Eagles had opportunities to tie the game with two offensive corners with only six seconds left on the clock. The first shot was deflected off by a Catholic defender and the second shot went wide of the net.

"We had our chances, but we couldn't get them to fall for us to finish out on top," head coach Dana Hall said.

Catholic put up a tough offensive fight throughout the game, out shooting the Eagles 18-10 and taking nine penalty corners to the Eagles' five. The Eagles played solid defense throughout the contest. Senior defender Joanna Duggan had 11 solid blocks and Lankford made 11 saves.

The Eagles knew they would have to play their best, considering that both teams came into the contest with 2-0 records in conference play.

"Salisbury, Catholic, and Mary Washington were all undefeated in the conference before this game," Hall said. "We knew we were out here

playing for either first or second place. We knew we had to come out and play hard."

The Eagles had some offensive opportunities early in the game. Junior Brynn Maguire had a shot off a penalty corner that hit the crossbar. The Eagles did not muster much offense after that.

With 12 minutes remaining in the second half, Hall called a timeout in an effort to regroup the team.

"After that [timeout] we knew we had to beat them to every ball," Maguire said. "We knew we had to step up to the ball more in order to get on the scoreboard. We really needed to get the ball onto the offensive side. We had to switch the ball over and take more shots if we wanted to score. After the time out we stepped it up a little bit, but just not enough."

Although the Eagles increased their intensity, it was not enough to beat the Cardinals.

"We know that every team is a threat," Lankford said. "We knew what we had to do, they just played a smarter game than us. Catholic is a lot like us, we just let them take too many shots."

With this loss, the Eagles' record drops to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the CAC. With the battle for the top spot in the conference so tight, the Eagles know that they have their work cut out for them.

"We need to step it up," Lankford said. "We have to keep working hard to maintain a solid record in the CAC."

The Eagles have a busy weekend, as they will travel to Roanoke College on Saturday and then to Washington and Lee University on Sunday.

Women's Soccer Falls To Denison

By LAUREN BOSTON
Staff Writer

Sunday's women's soccer game against Denison University saw the visiting team using gymnastics. In the thirty-seventh minute of the second half, what appeared to be a normal throw-in turned out to be anything but normal. When a Denison player went out of bounds to throw the ball in, she backed up a few feet and, without warning, did a front handspring before launching the ball onto the field. This airborne player seemed to put an exclamation point on Denison's decisive 1-0 victory over the Eagles.

Right from the start, the Eagles appeared to be exhausted. This was due in part to the grueling 1-0 victory they had pulled out the day before over Capital Athletic Conference foe York College of Pennsylvania. Senior Kathryn Amirpashaie scored the only goal of that game in the first half, giving her team a significant conference win.

It was evident that the thrilling victory over York had taken its toll the next day. The Eagles struggled to defend for most of the game, and always seemed to be a step behind when trying to get to the ball. Denison passed back and forth with relative ease, while the Eagles had trouble getting the ball to their teammates without having it intercepted.

"I think our team really got up for yesterday's game [against York] and we were just a little bit emotionally drained," senior Betsy Pitti explained. "We knew it wasn't a conference game, which played a part."

Head coach Kurt Glaeser attributed the loss to a lack of mental toughness.

"They needed to play with more emotional energy," he said. "I think we were flat after yesterday's game. We played hard yesterday and it's always hard to come off of that."

Whatever the problem was, it was clear

Denison had the upper hand and the 1-0 final score could have been much worse. Denison controlled the tempo of the game from start to finish, with the common plea from Eagle fans being, "Just move." The game was very aggressive as well, with several free kicks awarded to both teams.

The only goal of the game came in the thirty-third minute of the first half when a misdirected header by an Eagle hit Denison junior Colleen Wirtz in the chest. Wirtz gained control of the ball and passed it to freshman teammate Jessie Birdwhistell, who placed the ball into the right side of the Eagles' net.

There were many close calls for the Eagles throughout the game, as several Denison shots deflected off of the goalposts.

Glaeser was well aware that his team got lucky a few times.

"Denison's a very good team, the best we've played all year," he said. "I'll take that 1-0 score, because the result could have easily been three or four goals for them."

Although the Eagles came out early in the second half with more energy, they quickly fell behind again in footraces to the ball. Aside from a few drives down field, the Eagles were never able to get a good shot at the goal.

"I thought we really tried hard, but in the end we couldn't put it together," freshman Bethany Halliday said.

Glaeser agreed.

"I don't think we played our best today," he added. "We could have played a lot better. We're still learning."

The loss ended the Eagles' four game winning streak, and dropped their overall record to 5-3. They remain undefeated in the CAC with a perfect record of 3-0. The Eagles travel to Marymount University today to face another conference rival at 7 p.m.



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Senior Kathryn Amirpashaie fights for the ball as two Denison defenders close in during the second half of the Eagles' 1-0 loss on Sunday.

Upcoming Events

October 2 - Women's Soccer vs. Salisbury, 1 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Messiah, 3:30 p.m.

October 3 - Men's Soccer Alumni Game, 1 p.m.

October 6 - Women's Soccer vs. St. Mary's, 3:30 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Christopher Newport, 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Goucher, 7 p.m.

